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Application No. 08/826,744)	AMENDMENT AND
Filed: April 7, 1997)	RESPONSE
For: AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO DATA)	2001 Ferry Building
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING)	San Francisco, CA 94111
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF)	(415) 433-4150
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 1998,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 3, line 11, please replace "shorter" with --short--.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An audio and/or video data recording and reproducing [apparatus having:] apparatus, comprising:
a receiving means for receiving [a] an input data stream [in which] having a plurality of channels of at least one of audio data